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SUBJECT: THIRD QUARTER 1978 CCP REVIEW

REF: CARACAS 6309

1. WCAG REVIEW HELD AUGUST 7TH. RECOMMENDATIONS AND COM-
MENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS.

2. CAMPAIGN 5: WCAG SUGGEST POST CHECK COMMERCIAL NEWS
USA PUBLICATION (FORMERLY COMMERCIAL NEWS FOR THE FOREIGN
SERVICE) FOR MATERIAL ON U.S. ENERGY INDUSTRY TECHNOLOGY
AND EQUIPMENT, ESPECIALLY JULY/AUGUST 1978 SPECIAL ENERGY
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3. CAMPAIGN 6: WCAG URGES POST TO ATTEMPT TO REESTABLISH
CONTACT WITH CANTADV OFFICIALS REGARDING STATUS OF ESS
TELEPHONE CENTRALS.

4. ACTIVITY 9: A DECISION WILL BE MADE IN A COUPLE OF

WEEKS AS TO WHETHER USDOC WILL CONTINUE TO FUND VSMF. POST
WILL BE NOTIFIED SHORTLY ON FUNDING OF VSMF FOR FY '79.

5. WCAG WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION OF COUNTRY
TEAM SUPPORT AND WILL INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBI-
LITY OF A COMMERCE COMMENDATION FOR THE LOCAL COMMERCIAL
STAFF FOR AN OUTSTANDING JOB AND CONTINUED HIGH LEVEL OF
PRODUCTIVITY.

WCAG CONCERNED WITH ELIMINATION COMMERCIAL TASK FORCE.
COMMERCE IN PARTICULAR WORRIED ABOUT EFFECT ON FY 1979
CCP, MAJOR PROJECT REPORTING, EVENT SUPPORT USTS PROGRAM
AND NORMAL COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS. WHERE NEW OFFICER
IS SELECTED FOR COMMERCIAL ATTACHE (C.A.) POSITION, WE
WOULD HOPE TO MEET WITH PERKINS AND REVIEW ABOVE OPERA-

TIONS. ANY NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO CCP CAN BE MADE BY
NEW C.A. AFTER ARRIVAL AT POST AND EXPERIENCE, POSSIBLY AT
FIRST QUARTER REVIEW. COMMERCE STILL ATTEMPTING TO RE-
VERSE DECISION.

6. USTS TENTATIVELY PLANNING LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY

OCTOBER VISIT TO EMPHASIZE TOUR PLANNER AS DESCRIBED IN
TOLSEN LETTER TO ORDAL. VANCE

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